

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

JOHN'S BAPTISM

- *To denote that repentance had taken place.
- *In expectation of a greater baptism by the coming Christ.

Matthew 3:11

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

JESUS' BAPTISM

- *To fulfill God's righteous requirements and not for his personal repentance.
- *It brought a manifestation of God's favor and pleasure.

Matthew 3:13-17

- 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
- 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"
- 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "**Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he allowed Him.
- 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
- 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

JESUS' PRACTICED BAPTISM

John 4:1, 2

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John
2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

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JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO BAPTIZE BELIEVERS

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 16:16

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

THE APOSTLES OBEYED JESUS' COMMAND

Acts 2:38-41 At Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 8:12 At Samaria

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:36-38 In the desert with the Ethiopian

36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

Acts 9:18 At Damascus at Saul's (Paul's) conversion

Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Acts 10:47,48 At Cornelius' house

47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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Acts 16:14,15 With a believing woman named Lydia

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Acts 19:1-6 At Ephesus with some disciples of John

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM AS TAUGHT IN THE EPISTLES

*It identifies believers with Christ's death

Romans 6:3,4

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

*It symbolizes spiritual circumcision,

Colossians 2:11, 12

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

*Obedience to the ordinance of baptism gives to believers a good conscience toward God in regards to His word.

I Peter 3:21

There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.